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COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY—TREASURER'S  
REPORT, JANUARY 9, 1899.

*Receipts.*

Balance on hand February 7, 1898,	-	-	\$954.67
To cash from members' dues,	-	-	300.00
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			\$1,254.67
Disbursements,	-	-	516.47
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To balance on hand January 9, 1899,	-		738.20

JAMES DUDLEY MORGAN,  
*Treasurer.*

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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARIES  
1898-'99.

Your Secretaries respectfully submit this, their *fifth annual report*, for the period beginning with the thirty-first regular meeting of the Society, Monday evening, March 7, 1898, and ending with and including this, the fifth annual meeting, Monday evening, January 9, 1899.

At the fourth annual meeting an amended constitution was adopted which changed the Society's year to correspond with the calendar year. This has shortened the period of meeting for our fifth year by one month, consequently the Society has held but six meetings. At these meetings nine papers have been presented, and twenty have taken part in the ensuing discussions. The average attendance has been 109; the largest (175) at the December meeting, and the smallest (45) at the April meeting.

During the year the Society has lost three members by death and ten by resignation. The Board of Managers finding that the names were being carried on our rolls of several persons who neither attended the meetings nor had paid their

dues for more than two years, adopted at the December meeting the following By-Law :

" Members in arrears for annual dues for two years shall be dropped, provided the Secretary notify such delinquents of the arrears of their dues not less than thirty days before the expiration of the two years."

This has reduced our membership numerically by six more names, but leaves us 106 members in good standing and thoroughly alive to the interests of the Society.

During the year the Society has purchased a bookcase for its increasing library, and through the courtesy of its curator has secured a place for it in the fireproof building of the American Security and Trust Company.

The Society having been admitted as one of the affiliated societies of the Washington Academy of Sciences, will hereafter be represented among the vice-presidents of that association.

MARY STEVENS BEALL,  
M. I. WELLER,  
*Secretaries.*

*January 9, 1899.*